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SUBJECT: M-203 SHIPMENT TO OMAN

REF: A) AMMAN 6930; B) MUSCAT 1166

1. YOU SHOULD INFORM JORDANIAN GOVERNMENT AT APPROPRIATE LEVEL THAT OMANI GOVERNMENT IS PURCHASING 375 M-203 GRENADE LAUNCHERS, AN EQUAL NUMBER OF M-16 RIFLES (ON WHICH GRENADE LAUNCHERS ARE MOUNTED) AND AN APPROPRIATE SUPPLY OF AMMUNITION. USG FULLY APPROVES OF AND HAS HELPED ARRANGE THESE TRANSACTIONS. WEAPONS BEING PURCHASED COMMERCIALLY FROM US MANUFACTURER, COLT INDUSTRIES. AMMUNITION BEING PURCHASED ON FMS BASIS FROM US ARMY.

2. DIFFICULTIES AROSE INITIALLY BECAUSE OF LACK OF URGENCY CONVEYED TO COLT BY OMANI COMMERCIAL AGENT IN LONDON AND MORE RECENTLY BECAUSE OF FAILURE OF OMANI
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COMMERCIAL AGENT IN LONDON TO MAKE SUITABLE ARRANGEMENTS

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FOR COMMERCIAL TRANSPORT OF WEAPONS AND AMMUNITION. IN FORMER CASE, USG INTERVENED TO SOLVE PROBLEM BY MAKING SPECIAL AUTHORIZATION TO COLT TO SLIP DELIVERIES OF SAME ITEMS TO US ARMY. IN LATTER CASE, USG HAS RESPONDED AFFIRMATIVELY TO REQUEST BY OMANI GOVERNMENT TO ARRANGE

US MILITARY TRANSPORT: OMANI REQUEST WAS MADE ON OCTOBER 11. REQUISITE HIGH-LEVEL APPROVAL WAS GIVEN ON OCTOBER 16, AND DOD IS NOW MAKING EXPEDITIOUS ARRANGEMENTS FOR FLIGHT.

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